

Montana Newsletter

Montana State Library

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Update No. 31

Your Opinions Please: The Montana State Library staff would like you to complete the enclosed survey and return it to Library Development by May 7, 1993. The opinions gathered from this survey will be used to assist the State Library staff with long-range planning. For additional copies of the survey or results contact the Library Development Program at 444-5350.

WLN Schedules LaserCat Changes: WLN has announced, effective December 1993, LaserCat will require a minimum of three CD-ROM drives. Although the 1993 LaserCat grant criteria still require only two drives, it is recommended that libraries invest in at least three CD-ROM drives for making their initial LaserCat purchase. WLN also plans to introduce Macintosh and Windows versions of LaserCat in December 1993. For questions about these changes contact Tom Crisp, WLN, (800-342-5956) or Bob Cooper (444-5350).

Monitoring Drought Conditions in Montana: In order to monitor the impacts of drought in Montana, four agencies and the State Library's Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) program have joined forces to create the Drought Monitoring System. Using information from two water supply indices and stream flow measurements collected from satellites, NRIS will generate maps that illustrate the flow records of Montana's rivers and streams. For the first time, resource managers and decision makers can view the data on a map and determine where drought conditions are the most severe. For information contact Allan Cox, Director, NRIS 444-5354.

ILL Services Temporarily Suspended: Interlibrary loan services at the Carroll College Library will be temporarily suspended from May 15 to August 15 while staff prepare for automation. The Library will be unable to respond to mail, fax, phone requests, and OCLC or DOCLINE requests. Lois Fitzpatrick and her staff apologize for inconveniences this suspension will cause.

State Library Solicits Nominations for Advisory Council: Currently there are 11 openings available on the Montana Library Services Advisory Council. Nominees may: represent more than one constituency; come from a non-library related area, and be self-nominated. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Library Commission and serve two years. Nominations close on May 14, 1993. For more detailed information and a nomination form, contact Mary Jane West, State Library, 1515 East 6th Avenue, Helena, MT 59620, 444-3384.

The Great Falls Public Library Installs 800 Number: Callers residing in Western Montana can now reach the Great Falls Public Library by calling 1-800-734-9706. Funding for this service was made possible by the Pathfinder Federation.

Applications Mailed: LSCA grant applications were mailed to all public and academic libraries. Other organizations wanting an application must contact Library Development at 444-5349.

Literacy Hotline: The 800 line into Information Resources at the State Library will also serve as a Literacy Hotline beginning May 17. Staff are working on an appropriate greeting.

NRIS Receives Grant: The Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) received a grant from EPA to design and publish a ground water atlas for Montana. The atlas will consist of a series of maps, general descriptions, tabular data, diagrams, and statistics of ground water regions in Montana. Information contained in the atlas will be available in both print and electronic formats. To obtain more details about accessing the information, contact Allan Cox.

State Government Activates Electronic Bulletin Board: To better serve the citizens of Montana, the 1989 Legislature authorized the activation of an electronic bulletin board system. The State Library and other state agencies have worked together to develop this service. To access the bulletin board, you need a personal computer, communications software, and a modem which must be set at 2400, E, 7, 1. Bulletin board telephone numbers are 444-5648 or 1-800-962-1724.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April	16	Multi-State WLN Users' Group Meeting—Missoula
	18-19	Chief Officers of State Library Agencies—Washington D.C.
	18-20	National Conference on Family Literacy—Louisville, KY
	18-21	Information Technology Expo—University of Montana, Missoula
	18-24	National Library Week
	20	Library Legislative Day—Washington D.C.
	21-22	MLA Academic & Special Libraries Retreat—Village Red Lion Inn, Missoula
	22-24	MLA School Library Media Division Retreat—Essex
	22	International Special Librarian Day
	23	State Legislature Adjourns
	25-28	Montana Indian Education Association—Bozeman
	29-5/1	National Library Service f/t Blind & Physically Handicapped Conference—Salt Lake
May	7	Montana Family Reading Program Steering Committee Meeting—Helena
	8	Fund Raiser for Sheila Cates—Ft. Harrison Service Hall

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Nonprofit Rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #30
Helena MT 59620

LASERCAT

YES NO Does your library have LaserCat?

How many CD-ROM drives does your library have available for use with LaserCat?

YES NO Was your LaserCat purchase assisted by federal LSCA funds?

YES NO My library has added holdings to the WLN database

How many titles do you have in the WLN database, including those you only attached a holdings statement to?

IBM COMPATIBLE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

YES NO My library has an IBM Compatible Computer

YES NO This computer is a 386SX or faster

YES NO This computer has DOS 5.0 or greater installed

YES NO This computer has Windows 3.1 installed

YES NO This computer has at least 4 Mb of RAM installed

APPLE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

YES NO My library has an Apple Macintosh Computer

YES NO My library has three or more CD ROM drives available for use with this Macintosh Computer

In order to continue with the Family Reading Program (a.k.a. Summer Reading Program), we need ideas for the funding to be self sustaining. Any ideas or comments: _____

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Bob Cooper, 444-5350. Please return this survey to the address below by May 7, 1993. Thank You!

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MONTANA STATE LIBRARY 1993 LIBRARY SURVEY

LIBRARY NAME

PERSON COMPLETING SURVEY

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Please rate the following items 1-3 to indicate

- 1 My library does not need CE in this topic at this time
- 2 My library would definitely be interested in participating in a workshop or training session on this topic
- 3 My library would definitely be interested in this topic and would help organize a workshop or training session to provide it

Technology Assistance

What Computer Hardware and/or Software
Does My Library Need?

Beginning LaserCat Training

Intermediate LaserCat Training

UltraCard Marc Training

DOS and Windows Fundamentals

Other Hardware/Software Training (please
describe)

Grant Writing Assistance:

FY 1994 LSCA Grant Manual Orientation

How To Write a Grant

Other (please describe)

Special Needs

Improving Library Services for Native
Americans

Improving Library Services for the Elderly

Other (please describe)

Educational Assistance

Reference Institute III

Collection Management Policies

Collection Weeding

- A Adult
- B Children's

Children Services

- A Programming
- B Summer Reading
- C Book Selection

Statistical Training

- A Annual Report
- B How to Use Statistics

Trustee Training

Other Topics of Interest for Continuing
Education